

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF
THE HONORABLE ANN O'BRIEN
KEIGHRAN FROM THE CITY
COUNCIL OF BURLINGAME

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ann O'Brien Keighran as she departs public service after 17 years on the Burlingame City Council, serving four times as Mayor, and another seven years as a planning commissioner. Ann has been a tireless advocate for Burlingame's quality of life and for business improvement.

Burlingame is a city with 30,000 residents who enjoy a small-town environment just a few miles south of bustling San Francisco. Its tree-lined avenues and older homes combine with outstanding schools to entice the region's entrepreneurs, professionals, and hard-working skilled workers to raise families in the midst of a beautiful environment. Ann was raised in Burlingame, graduated from Mercy High School, and attended the University of San Francisco where she earned her Master of Science in nursing. She later practiced at Sequoia Hospital and taught nursing at our local community college and the University of San Francisco.

During her combined 25 years on the planning commission and city council, she worked tirelessly with her colleagues to retain the small town feel of the community while also adapting it to the evolving economy. Ann's tenure on the council included final determination of the future of the city's golf course, ongoing work on the storm drain system to eliminate frequent flooding and growing the tax base by approving major new office and housing developments. How many hours in the public interest has Ann given over a quarter century of service? It's hard to estimate, but it's safe to say she had zero time to watch reruns streaming on Amazon.

Significant improvements created during her time in public service include a new Community Center. Discussion about this facility began when she first took office, waxed and waned through economic cycles, and finally resulted in a successful bond measure. The building opened this year and is stunning. Ann was one of the center's earliest and most consistent voices.

She supported other long-needed improvements, including the reconstruction of the Broadway/Highway 101 interchange and an enormous improvement to Burlingame Avenue, one of the city's central business districts. As she noted in her comments to the public upon announcing her retirement from public life, the Burlingame Avenue project, "... brought beauty and commerce together to delight shoppers and residents."

Ann and her colleagues approved a new Safeway, but not without controversy. Two years into her council service, her diplomacy was key to getting this reconstruction accomplished.

She fought hard to make California's High Speed Rail project amendable to Burlingame's needs and supported construction of affordable housing on a city parking lot and the creation of Peninsula Clean Energy. Her record of public and private contributions also in-

cludes serving on the fire board, as the council's ongoing liaison to the Chamber of Commerce, as the city/school liaison, as an advisor to our local shelter for women, on task forces for housing and universal healthcare coverage, and as a long-time parishioner in Our Lady of Angels Church. From dog parks to redesign of our grand boulevard, the El Camino Real, to serving as a basketball team coach at her children's school, she's done it all.

As she retires from public office, Ann should look back over her time in public service as one of tremendous accomplishment. She noted in announcing her retirement that she shares credit with Burlingame staff and her many colleagues on the council. This is true, but it understates the fact that she made difficult decisions without rancor and helped keep the community's finances sound when things were really tough over many years.

Looking forward, her adult children, Kerry and Kate Rose, will now have more time to spend with their mother. Ann will work in her position with the Center for Age Friendly Excellence, helping to guide communities to become healthier, more accessible places for seniors. Of course, her quiet leadership will be missed. Her biography notes that she's quite an accomplished Celtic dancer. Maybe now that the gavel on a dais no longer dominates her weeks, she will find time to concentrate on this skill. From 1998, when she joined the planning commission, to the present, Ann danced for us on the public stage. She was an accomplished public policymaker, a real leader, and she's a tough act to follow. I wish her well in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I missed the vote on the Further Continuing Appropriations bill due to a meeting. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 523.

CONGRATULATING FLORIDA
TECH'S CYBERSECURITY TEAM
ON THEIR EXTRAORDINARY
FIRST PLACE FINISH

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Florida Institute of Technology—L3Harris Institute for Assured Information student cybersecurity team, FITSEC, for their perfect accuracy, extraordinary score, and first place finish in this fall's 2022 National Cyber League tournament on November 6, 2022.

The National Cyber League team tournament is a biannual national competition. This year, 7,500 students from 470 institutions around the country competed to solve simulated, true-to-life cybersecurity problems. The National Cyber League assesses a team's ability to address nine critical cybersecurity workforce categories outlined in the NIST

NICE Cybersecurity Framework and the NSA Knowledge Units. Florida Tech students claimed victory with 100% accuracy and a score of 2,755 points out of 3,000. With this win, FITSEC has moved Florida Tech to the number one spot in the Cyber Power Rankings.

Founded by NASA scientists and located in the city of Melbourne on Florida's "Space Coast," Florida Tech has always been known for its strength and contributions in aerospace engineering and space science. More recently, the university has also earned its position as a leader in cybersecurity research and education. Home to the L3Harris Institute for Assured Information, Florida Tech has been recognized as a National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security "National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Research".

Florida Tech's rigorous undergraduate cyber operations curriculum, modeled after the NSA Cyber Operations Knowledge Units, is developing bright young minds that will most certainly be among our nation's future leaders in this field. It is good to know that students from my district in Brevard County will soon help solve the problems of tomorrow, like countering unchecked foreign threats, securing intellectual property and private information, and meeting the growing need for exceptional cybersecurity professionals in our nation's industries, agencies and government.

According to Florida Tech's provost, executive vice president and chief operating officer, Dr. Marco Carvalho: "The success of FITSEC underscores the value of collaborations between industry and academia, such as our L3Harris Institute for Assured Information. Here, we have some of the best computer scientists and software engineers in the world conducting cutting-edge research in cybersecurity, machine learning, and artificial intelligence. The same experts then teach, mentor and coach our FITSEC students. Finally, these students bring their skills to top U.S. companies and organizations, making invaluable contributions to the security and stability of vital information, systems, and resources."

Chair of the cybersecurity program Dr. TJ O'Connor, tells us: "The FITS EC cybersecurity team and cyber operations curriculum contribute to our national security and strength by building critical skills in the cybersecurity workforce gap. The L3Harris Institute of Assured Information and Florida Tech's commitment to excellence in this domain is proven by its successful track record, including the recent victory in the National Cyber League Team tournament, and resulting number one national ranking."

The 2022 Florida Institute of Technology's team was coached by Dr. O'Connor and consisted of 5 graduate and 2 undergraduate students in computer science, including Kourtnee Fernald, Joshua Connolly, Blake Janes, Logan Suarez, Stephen Brustowicz, Alexander Schmith, and Curtice Gough. Dr. Sneha Sudhakaran, Florida Tech assistant professor and expert in mobile security and forensics, served as a co-coach of the team this year as well.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Florida Tech and these student leaders on their outstanding accomplishments and wish them every success in the future.

CONGRATULATING LA GACETA
NEWSPAPER ON ITS 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize La Gaceta, the nation's only trilingual newspaper, on its 100th anniversary. Since 1922, La Gaceta has connected our community with news and served as a symbol of Tampa's rich history and culture.

The story of La Gaceta's founding began in 1913, when Victoriano Manteiga migrated from Cuba to Tampa's Ybor City. Victoriano worked as a lector in the Morgan Cigar Factory where he would read novels, local and world news, and political publications to factory workers as they rolled cigars—a staple of Tampa. In 1922, Victoriano founded La Gaceta with the help of Dr. Jose Avellanal, director of the Centro Español mutual aid society. A Spanish language newspaper, La Gaceta was created to serve the needs of the growing Latin, immigrant population of Tampa. Creating a space to tell local stories, discuss politics and world events, share recipes, highlight sports and other areas of interest, La Gaceta was very well received by the community. One of its most notable early recognitions beyond Tampa came in 1950, when La Gaceta was awarded the title of best Spanish language newspaper in the U.S. by the Linguaphone Institute.

In the 1950s, the newspaper grew its readership by publishing in English and later Italian, further serving the community and preserving another language and culture of Tampa's population. To this day, La Gaceta remains the country's only trilingual newspaper. It was also in the 1950s that Victoriano's son, Roland, grew in his role with the paper. Roland founded a column, *As We Heard It*, where he would predict political races, provide commentary and share his insider knowledge regarding politics. Roland's column gained much attention locally, statewide and even nationally from politicians like former presidents Jimmy Carter and George Bush. Both Roland and *As We Heard It* would become known as major political influences.

Today *As We Heard It* and La Gaceta are run by Roland's son, Patrick Manteiga. Owned and operated by the Manteiga's for three generations now, it is the oldest family-owned newspaper in the United States. As editor and publisher, Patrick leads a hardworking team of individuals who produce weekly editions of La Gaceta for readers to enjoy.

To commemorate La Gaceta's historic achievement, documentary producer Lynn Marvin Dingfelder, an Emmy award-winning Tampa local, released the film "La Gaceta The Documentary: 100 Years and 3 Generations Behind America's Only Trilingual Newspaper" this year. Operating her own production company for over 20 years now, Lynn has shared many stories of our community through her films and has described Tampa as a place with deep love and respect for its history. This film is a symbol of that admiration and a way to both share and preserve La Gaceta's story.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors in Tampa Bay and the citizens of Florida, I congratulate La Gaceta on this monumental

achievement of its 100th anniversary. As the oldest Spanish language newspaper and the second oldest minority-owned newspaper in the United States, La Gaceta demonstrates the great value and impact that ethnic publications hold in our nation. I am eager to see where La Gaceta's future will lead it and all of its readers across Tampa Bay and beyond.

CONGRATULATING LONNIE STEPHENSON FOR 47 YEARS WITH
THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHER-
HOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS
(IBEW)

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lonnie Stephenson on 47 years of service and dedication to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

Mr. Stephenson joined the IBEW Local 145 in the Quad Cities in 1975 as an apprentice. Mr. Stephenson's later took positions as the union's Business Manager, International Representative and International Vice President. He was elected President of the union in 2015 and was re-elected twice. During his tenure as President, union membership steadily increased and currently stands at 775,000 members. He has worked as an advocate for accelerating IBEW's commitment to diversity, inclusion and equity through the IBEW Strong Program, which aims to recruit more people of color and women as union members. Mr. Stephenson advocated for trade unionism and worked tirelessly alongside other unions and associations throughout the pandemic to ensure America's labor workforce was rightly recognized as essential workers.

Under the leadership of Mr. Stephenson, IBEW has supported the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which included pro-union job creation provisions, and the Inflation Reduction Act, which will provide substantial funding for multiemployer pension programs. I am confident that IBEW will continue to grow and thrive for many years to come because of Mr. Stephenson's commitment and service to workers.

It is because of Illinois' hardworking and dedicated leaders like Lonnie Stephenson that I am especially proud to serve in Congress. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally congratulate Lonnie Stephenson for over four decades of service to Illinoisans.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING
U.S. ARMY VETERAN JOHN E.
HUGHES

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John E. Hughes for his dedicated service to our country.

Mr. Hughes was born in 1945 and attended Hadley-Luzerne Central School District schools, where he was actively engaged in

academic and student life. He enlisted in the United States Army on June 13th, 1966, serving with Company C, 124th Signal Battalion, 4th Infantry Division as a Radio Teletype operator in Vietnam.

During his time in the Army, Mr. Hughes was stationed at the Central Highlands in Vietnam, where he transported soldiers and supplies to and from firebases. While participating in a Reaction Force Patrol, Mr. Hughes saved the life of his fellow soldier and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for Heroism for his selfless act. For his tremendous commitment to service, he was also awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Army in March 1968, Mr. Hughes was employed as a heavy equipment operator for Finch Prime & Co. He maintained participation in multiple veterans' organizations, including the William J. Varney American Legion Post #862, the VFW Post #5836, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Tri-Town Seniors, and publicly served as Assessor for the Town of Hasley. Mr. Hughes married the love of his life in 1970, and they raised their beautiful family of 3 children together.

Throughout his life, Mr. Hughes demonstrated exemplary service to his country and members of his community. I am proud to recognize him during the Saratoga County Veterans Association's Honor our Deceased Veterans Ceremony. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to commend the life of Mr. John E. Hughes and thank him for his brave service to our country.

HONORING ASSESSOR SUE HORNE

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LaMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Nevada County Assessor and a close friend of mine, Sue Horne. Sue's leadership in Nevada County over the years serves as a testament to her outstanding work and her dedication to the community. It has been a pleasure to work with her and I know the people of Nevada County have benefited greatly from her time in office.

Throughout Sue's career she has worked hard to represent the best interests of the people. Her service to Nevada County residents began during her work under 2 State Assembly members as a staffer. After that time, she was elected to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors for 8 years, where she would serve a year as Chair. During her time on the Board, she would also serve as the Chair of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) in 2007.

After her service on the Board of Supervisors, Sue was elected as the Nevada County Assessor in 2010. As Assessor, Sue worked to ensure that Nevada County taxpayers receive a fair and accurate assessment of their taxable property in accordance with California tax law. She is also a member of the Northern California Assessors Association and served as its President in 2019. She has served 3 terms in her role as Assessor.

Never one to slow down, Sue has also been an active volunteer in the community. She has